



Governor and legislative leaders release joint statement on property taxes

Aug. 7, 2007- Governor Daniels, Senate President Pro Tem David Long and House Speaker Pat Bauer issued a bipartisan statement encouraging local governments to utilize several income tax options passed by the legislature in order to lower property taxes for Hoosiers. Currently, seven counties have implemented a form of change to reduce their reliance on property tax.

"Local government has been given an unprecedented opportunity to cut property taxes in record amounts, and it must act today. Counties have until October 1 to implement these property tax cuts. We are encouraging all Hoosier citizens to contact their city and county councils and urge them to begin the process to cut their property taxes now," the joint statement said. "The state's resources are not unlimited, and we must be prudent in how we allocate any additional short-term relief. As we move forward, we must carefully consider the degree to which local governments have themselves exercised initiative to cut Hoosiers' property taxes."

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Manufacturer to Locate Its Operations in Plainfield

Aug. 10, 2007- Sunrise Medical HHG, Inc., a global manufacturer of wheelchairs, crutches, walkers and other patient-care products, announced it will consolidate its North American operations here, creating 70 new jobs.

The company will close its manufacturing facility in Memphis, Tenn. and relocate its Florida- and Massachusetts-based engineering and assembly operations to a new 180,000-square-foot facility in Plainfield.

"Creating an environment that allows businesses like Sunrise to grow and thrive in Indiana is imperative to our economic success," said Governor Mitch Daniels. "With its skilled workforce and access to key transportation hubs, Central Indiana is establishing itself as a great place to invest and do business."

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Governor Daniels honors fallen Hoosier firefighters



Aug. 10, 2007- Governor Daniels, state officials and firefighters from across the state participated in a remembrance ceremony for seven firefighters who died in the line of duty from 1914 to 2006. The names of these firefighters who lost their lives while protecting others are now etched in the Indiana Law Enforcement and Firefighters Memorial.

Aug. 10, 2007- Governor Daniels greets Terry Rake, Executive Director of the Indiana Fire Chief's Association, and her son Jonathan. Also pictured is Fire Chief Dave Chapman.

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Governor Daniels presents awards to state biofuels leaders

Aug. 10, 2007— During a ceremony at the Indiana State Fair, Governor Mitch Daniels presented the Paul Dana Leadership in Biofuels Awards to those who have exemplified leadership in the biofuels industry. The award honors the memory of Indy Racing League (IRL) driver Paul Dana, a strong supporter of Indiana's growing biofuels industry killed in a racing accident in 2006. Dana worked with the Indiana State Department of Agriculture on several biofuels initiatives and promotions.

"Paul Dana was a hero to so many, as an IRL driver, a personality and an advocate for biofuels. He was one person who made so much of a difference," said Daniels. "In the same way, it's also important that motorists catch the spirit of biofuels, and they need a place to find it. That's where today's award winners also have made a difference."

Indiana has become a national leader in the biofuels arena since Governor Daniels took office. In January 2005, the state had only one ethanol plant and no biodiesel plants, even with the some of the highest levels of corn and soybean production in the nation. Today, Indiana has three new ethanol plants in production and three biodiesel plants in operation. Seven more ethanol plants are expected to come online in the next two years, while the world's largest biodiesel will begin production in the state later this month. Additionally, Indiana had no E85 pumps in 2005, but the state now boasts more than 90 public E85 pumps.



Governor Daniels recognizes representatives from Family Express for the company's dedication to the advancement of ethanol in Indiana. Pictured from left: Spiro Olympidis, Family Express; Greg Dana; Gov. Mitch Daniels; Conner Dana; Tonya Bergeson-Dana; Tom Navarre, Family Express.

Governor experiences Hoosier traditions at Indiana State Fair

Aug. 8, 2007- Governor Daniels honored Indiana's agricultural industry by participating in several events during the first week of the 151st Indiana State Fair. On Wednesday morning, the governor made welcoming remarks at the opening ceremonies for the annual celebration. Prior to the official ceremony, the governor gave an update on the state's pork industry at the Indiana Pork Producer's annual ham breakfast. During his address, Daniels reaffirmed his commitment to expanding the industry, saying the state is on track to reach the goal of doubling pork production in the next 10 years.



Aug. 8, 2007— Governor Daniels and Lt. Governor Skillman at the Indiana Pork Producer's annual breakfast.

On Friday, the governor joined officials from the State Department of Agriculture to promote biofuels by giving away a free gallon of ethanol-blended fuel to participants in the fair's annual drive-thru breakfast.

Governor Daniels ate breakfast on Sunday with more than 60 Hoosiers from East Chicago. The group traveled to Indianapolis to perform on Hispanic/Latino Music Day at the fair.

The governor will attend more events at the fair throughout the next week.



Aug. 12, 2007— Gov. Daniels greets a young Hoosier from East Chicago during breakfast at the State Fair. A group from Northwest Indiana performed later that day as a part of the Hispanic/Latino music celebration.

A look ahead...

Governor Daniels will travel by motorcycle to Greenfield, Shelbyville, Columbus, Seymour, Salem and Paoli on Friday's third annual ABATE Ride with the Governor.